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(54) **Picking on fused 3D volume rendered images and updating corresponding views according to a picking action**

(57) A method of weighted point picking on a pre-compositing fusion volume rendered image of multiple registered volumes comprising the steps of selecting a rendered pixel, finding the projection ray through the rendered pixel, finding the intersection segment of the projection ray with the fused volume, traversing the intersection segment according to a traversing intersection point and for each traversing intersection point: looking-up volume samples for each of the volumes at the traversing intersection point, applying optional transfer

function and shading on the volume samples, performing a weighted fusion operation between the volume samples, compositing the fusion result with the previous fusion results pertaining to previous traversing intersection points, evaluating a result condition at each traversing intersection point leading to a final compositing result, outputting the coordinates of the traversing intersection point where the result condition was reached as the picked point.

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